

is, Dublin Castle had issued a dict that the meeting was to be held, and the police were not in sufficient strength to do so even if recourse to using rifles was necessary. The late Lord Morley was Chief Secretary at the time and his alternative was to hold the meeting if it were held elsewhere from the affected farm. The event was known as "the Morley Meeting." The event was apparently considered of importance by the Government, and the County Inspector was himself in charge of the very considerable force. I took occasion to speak to this official to ascertain what his plans were, and he told me that his orders were very strictly to prevent any meeting taking place in a mile of the farm.

TAKEN TO BE POLICE OFFICIAL.

A simple and obviously harmless incident was noted by some one to whom I was unknown, apparently I was taken to be a police official in mufti. A few days later as I was going towards the car which had brought me and a colleague from Lime-lick I was struck a blow on the back of the head, and when I turned round I got another in the mouth which blood flowed pretty freely. I was, however, saved from further attack by my friend, John McInerney, Chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians, who was on the scene and took me under his protection. This was fortunate for me, for at the time the men were not popular, particularly in Co. Clare, and were it not for McInerney's timely intervention I might have received much serious injury. I am happy to say that that was the only occasion in a long newspaper career that I lost any blood in pursuit of my calling.

FACTION FIGHTS.

There was no faction fighting in Limerick in my time. W. R. Leary, in his "Seventy Years Of My Life," mentions the Shanahan, the Caravats, the Coffeys, the Lawallahs, and the Three and Four Year Olds. There was an incident at Doon or New Pallas where the last mentioned were involved at a hurling match, when a young man was killed.

At the inquest somebody stated that the trouble began when one of the crowd "wheeled" for a Three Year Old. To "wheel" had a meaning in Limerick which I never found elsewhere: It was equivalent to using a slogan—"Up so-and-so." The origin of the Three Year Old and the Four Year Old factions appears to have been a perfect illustration of the old saw which says that from simple causes great things arise. Some men were engaged in the harmless process of buying and selling a beast at a fair in the County of Limerick when a

understood, was this morning very deep from an unusually high tide and from a flood down from the stream's source. The only thing found was a man's cap.

The search of the Creek continued until darkness set in.

ESTEEMED FIGURE

DEATH OF MR. JOHN VAUGHAN

By the death of Mr. John Vaughan, Mary Street, which occurred yesterday, St. Mary's Parish and the City generally loses a very esteemed citizen, one who during his life was held in the sincerest affection by all with whom he came in contact. In his youth he was an enthusiastic oarsman, whose worth as a sportsman and clubmate was thought very highly of by his fellow members of A.B.C., and for more than half a century his services were at the disposal of his colleagues whenever required. A winning oarsman in his teens, his style was the admiration of all who saw him row, and his proficiency in the use of the oar was wedded to his extraordinary skill in carrying out repairs to racing craft which it was thought—until accomplished by him—could not be executed unless by the boat builders. A visit to A.B.C. boathouse, where some of his work can be seen, will demonstrate the skill of a craftsman whose loss it will be difficult, if not impossible, to replace.

In private life, John was the most unassuming of men, incapable of a harsh thought towards another, and his gentle and winning disposition made his company much sought after. Upright and transparently honest, he was interesting as a conversationalist as he recounted events of the long ago, while his many humorous sallies as he told a story made time pass all too quickly for those who were his companions. As was to be expected, he was a fond and loving father and husband and lived an exemplary life. His widow and family will be the recipients of many messages of condolence, in which we join.

The remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church to-night at 7 o'clock and the funeral will take place on to-morrow to Mount St. Lawrence after Requiem Mass at 10 a.m.

TRAGIC PICTURES

bership, in addition to ladies, some of the more active and energetic of the young men of the City.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Having blessed the Club, the Bishop said that he was happy to express his gratitude to all those who had worked so devoutly to bring about the occasion. They all knew how valuable boys' clubs were. Unless help and guidance were given to underprivileged boys in their most difficult period of their lives, trouble was bound to follow.

They should remember, however, with special gratitude, that the new Club could not have been opened with its special facilities if the premises had not first been so generously provided by the Chairman of the Limerick Boys' Club's Building Committee, Mr. Alphonsus McDonogh.

People with money to invest were usually careful in their choice of investments, he said, and people in Limerick with money to invest in charity would need no better recommendation than the excellent work done by the St. Brigid's Boys' Club, and the promise of equally great work to come in the magnificent new premises just opened.

Continuing, his Lordship said that he would like to see many more such clubs in the city, the value of which could not be measured by any material standards.

FUNDAMENTAL WORK OF CHRISTIANITY.

Mr. E. Treacy, solicitor, President, St. Brigid's Club, said that the generous donor of the site for

COUNCIL FINANCES

Hit By Department Delays

OVERDRAFT INTEREST

WHILE the various Government Departments owe Limerick Co. Council £223,000 in grants, the Council last Saturday—Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D., Chairman, presiding—had to make arrangements for the borrowing of £200,000 from the bank to keep its services going for the next three months.

The Co. Secretary (Mr. T. F. Broe) told the members that the Council needed overdraft accommodation for that amount in its roads and general accounts. "We could," he said, "talk for a long time about recoupment of monies spent on the Turf Account, Meanwhile, however, the different Departments owe us